



Touring Notes

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A Recreational Club for Central Texas

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League of American Bicyclists

This club is affiliated with the League of American Bicyclists - Founded in 1880 as the League of American Wheelmen.

New Members

Harry & Frances McCarthy
Fernando Padilla
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Richard McGee
Al Young

Welcome!

Volunteers Needed

Anyone who wants to volunteer for any club position should contact the chair of the Volunteer committee Vern Jeys (210) 675-0538
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New club jersey design

Last call for Jerseys

If anyone wants a club jersey please contact Chris Marsh ASAP. The Jerseys are being made at the end of October. We need \$46 and your size to get in this order. See the jersey design to the left.

Century Challenge

The club century will be Saturday, October 14th, 7:30 AM at Sandra Day O'Connor High School, Helotes, TX (Off Leslie Rd and TX 16 just outside Loop 1604).

With the invention of the modern bicycle in the 1890's, bicycle clubs hosted 100 mile "Century" rides. These were not races but endurance events where anyone who completed the distance was a winner. Challenge yourself this October to a 100 bicycle mile ride from Helotes to Rio Medina, Castroville, Devine and back. The route will be mostly flat with a few hills. We will supply the maps, snacks and provide rider support. There are stores every 10 to 20 miles along the way. Shorter distances will also be available to those who do not want to do the full Century.

Member Discounts

The following Bicycle Shops offer members of the HCBTC a 10% discount:

B & J Bicycles, 8800 Broadway, 826-0177

BikeWorld, 5911 Broadway, 828-5558 and Blanco at Lockhill Selma 344-2303

Britton's Cycles, 4109 Naco Perrin, 656-1655 and 803 E. Blanco, Boerne, 830 816-2305

Pit Stop Bike Shop, 6501 Bandera Rd, 521-2453

Ride Away Bicycles, 8830 Huebner, 696-9925

A big thanks for their support to our club.

The First Fredericksburg Fall Foliage Frolic

The club will host the Frolic on Friday - Sunday, November 10th - 12th: On Friday there will be a Fun Twenty-Four mile ride starting at 2:00 PM. On Saturday join us at 9:00 AM for the Fairly Flat Forty-Five or the Ferocious Fifty (or longer). On Saturday night we will have a group dinner at the Fredericksburg BrewPub for a group dinner (time to be announced). On Sunday there will be some Fantastic rides starting at 9:00 AM.

Club Events

Sunday, October 1st. Comfort - Lady Bird loop. Training ride for the upcoming century. Long ride is about 60 miles; option to do a shorter loop (approx. 40 miles) or any short distance as an out-and-back. Moderate hills, moderate pace for the long ride. Please bring plenty of water and snacks. There will be a rest-stop on the long ride but I do not think there are any stores on the shorter loop. Meet at the Park 'n Ride in Comfort (at RR473/TX 27) in time for a prompt 8 am start. Call William Hudson (210) 824-6910 for further information.

Saturday, October 7th, VonOrmy Ride. Meet 8:00 AM at Von Ormy, 2.5 miles south of 410 on IH35 at the Texaco Truck Stop on the right. Ride distance is about 30 miles at approx. 10 mph. Eat at the truck stop after the ride. Ride leader is Vernon Jeyes at (210) 675-0538.

Sunday, October 8th, Castroville Ride. Meet 8:00 AM at the Park & Ride across from Sammy's on US 90 in Castroville for a 40 mile ride. Ride leader is Diane Sellers at (830) 985-3317.

Saturday, October 14th, Fall Century Challenge. Meet at Sandra Day O'Connor High School in Helotes at 7:30 AM and ride to Castroville and Divine for a 100 mile "mostly flat" ride. There will be support vehicles and stores every 10 to 15 miles with rest rooms. Cost is only \$5 by October 7th for members (\$7 after the 7th. Shorter routes also available. Contact Chris Marsh at cmarsh@texas.net or (210) 681-5768 for more information.

Saturday, October 14th, Monthly Meeting and Survivor's Dinner. Meet at 7:00 PM at the Pizza Hut on Loop 1604 just west of Babcock. We will meet in the party room in the back (to the left as you enter the door). We will celebrate the Century Ride and plan future club events. Contact Chris Marsh at cmarsh@texas.net or (210) 681-5768 for more information.

Sunday, October 22nd. Mother-in-laws Day Ride. What better time could there be to head for the hills? Somehow

Woman Hollering Creek just fits in perfectly, doesn't it. Meet at Judson High School on the big parking lot between the football and baseball stadiums at 9:00 AM for a 36 mile ride to New Berlin and back. Contact David Young (210) 655-0306 or SALaw@texas.net for more information.

Saturday - Sunday, October 28th - 29th. Schulenburg Painted Churches Weekend, 9:00 AM (each day). Join the Houston Bicycle club for this classic weekend now in it's 15th year. Stay at the Haunted Von Minden hotel for Halloween with other riders from around the state. Rides both days start from the Von Minden in downtown Schulenburg on US 90. Saturday's ride will have different loops south of town. Sunday's ride will highlight the Painted Churches with distances of 28 to 55 miles. Other activities include a special biker feast on Saturday night and a great biker breakfast on Sunday morning, both available for a small fee. For reservations call the Von Minden at (409) 743-3714. Schulenburg is 100 miles east of San Antonio off I-10 (halfway between San Antonio and Houston) To get to the Von Minden take I-10 to Schulenburg, go south on state highway 77 to US 90 and make a right turn. The Von Minden is one block down on the left. If you want any more information on this event call Chris Marsh at (210) 681-5768 or email cmarsh@texas.net.

Saturday, November 4th, Tour de Gruene. 26, 36 miles. \$20 early \$25 late, Children under 12, \$12 - \$15 late. T-shirts. (210) 826-1077.

Friday - Sunday, November 10th - 12th, Fredericksburg Fall Foliage Frolic. Enjoy a weekend in Fredericksburg for this event. We will try to have a group evening at the Brew Pub on Saturday night. Friday's ride starts at 2:00 PM. Saturday and Sunday's rides start at 9:00 AM. All rides start at the courthouse. Lodging Information: the Peach Tree Motel (830) 997-211 has reasonable rates. For other options you can check the following sites on the Internet: <http://texaslodging.com> (then type in Fredericksburg) or <http://www.fredericksburgtexas.net>. You can also

phone the Fredericksburg Convention and Visitors Bureau at (830) 997-6523. Contact Pam Tucker (830) 990-9261 ptucker@ctesc.net for more information.

Saturday, November 18th, Comfort Ride. Meet at the Park 'n Ride in Comfort on TX 27 at 10:00 AM for a 30 mile scenic ride in the Texas Hill Country. Ride leader is Tommy McMillan (210) 674-1210.

Sunday, November 19th, Monthly Meeting. Meet at 5:00 PM at the Pizza Hut on Loop 1604 just west of Babcock. We will meet in the party room in the back (to the left as you enter the door). Contact Chris Marsh at cmarsh@texas.net or (210) 681-5768 for more information.

Thursday - Sunday, November 23rd - 26th, Big Bend Hike and Bike. Join Chris and Jan Marsh for a weekend of hiking and Biking in Big Bend National park. Contact Chris Marsh at cmarsh@texas.net or (210) 681-5768 for more information.

Coming in December, Goliad Camp Out. See the town of Goliad and the mission decorated for the Holidays. Contact Chris Marsh at cmarsh@texas.net or (210) 681-5768 for more information.



Other Area Rides

Saturday - Sunday, September 30th - October 1st, MS 150 San Antonio to Corpus Christi. Call 210 494-5531 for more information.

Saturday, October 21st, Mission's Tour de Goliad. 8:30 am. Goliad. 10, 30, 50, 100 miles. 800-848-8674 or 316-645-3563.

Saturday, October 21st. Biketoberfest, Bourne. Watch for more details.

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Classified Adds

We've got some great sale items that we're going to be returning (didn't fit, mostly), so we thought we'd see if anyone else would be interested before we did. Most of this stuff is about half off, and you don't have to worry about the shipping charges!

Let me know if you are interested in anything.

Also, please note that the tops are about 1 size smaller than listed.

Nashbar Thermal Fleece Tight

(Bl, Med) \$17.15

LeMond S/S Jersey (XL) \$28.95

M Ultratherm Tight (Bl, XL) \$19.32

W Cannondale C-Tech Plus Jersey

(Lt Bl, XL) \$31.00

W Nashbar Akwatek Jersey

(Y, XL) \$15.00

W InMotion L/S Attack Jersey

(Red, XL) \$24.99

W Performance L/S Jersey

(Navy, XL) \$19.99

M Sugoi S/S Mesh Jersey (Y, XL)

(MAYBE a M-L) \$24.99

M Sugoi S/S Mesh Jersey (O, XXL)

(really L-XL) \$24.99

M Performance Winblock Vest

(Bur, L) \$29.99

Other stuff:

Sella Italia Flite Gel Saddle

(Ti rails, 230g, reg \$90) \$49.95

Spec. Body Geometry Pro Saddle

(reg \$150) \$69.98

Heart Monitor (depends on which one

we keep) \$35-39

Yell if you want anything. I hate sending great deals back! Mike Paese, (210) 698-6625, topdog@stic.net

Maine Maps

Setting a good example for other states, Maine's advocacy community has been successful in getting its state Transportation Department to publish a bike map. The Maine Bicycle Map lists 21 tours, and 68 bike shops. Check it out at <http://www.state.me.us/mdot/biketours.htm>

East Coast Greenway Alliance and AMTRAK Announce Link Between Bikes and Trains

On September 14, the East Coast Greenway Alliance and Amtrak announced their partnership to forge an unprecedented intermodal network, connecting Amtrak's passenger trains to 2,600 miles of bikeways and trails in 15 states and the District of Columbia. Amtrak Board of Directors Vice Chair and former Governor, Michael S. Dukakis, announced Amtrak's Bikes on Board effort. Dukakis was joined by E.S. Bagley, Jr., President of Amtrak's Northeast Corridor; East Coast Greenway Alliance Chairman, Pat King; U.S. Department of Transportation Assistant Secretary, Gene Conti; and Environmental Protection Agency Chief of Staff, Reid Wilson.

The East Coast Greenway, which links cities from Maine to Florida through a continuous network of trails, bikeways and recreational paths, has been designated a "National Millennium Trail" by the White House. King called the 2,600-mile-long Greenway an urban Appalachian Trail for non-motorized users and said the partnership with Amtrak means that cyclists traveling between east coast cities will soon be able to use Amtrak's easy-on easy-off bicycle accommodations. The East Coast Greenway Alliance expects to complete the Greenway network by 2010. Amtrak will work closely with the Greenway Alliance to plan for and phase in more accommodations for cyclists on regional trains that serve the Northeast Corridor and parts of the Southeast.

The League is working with both Amtrak and the East Coast Greenway Alliance to promote awareness of the program and improve access for bikes on trains. League Executive Director Elissa Margolin applauded the program and said, "Bikes on Board facilitates leaving one's car at home, encourages low-impact, healthy exercise, and provides greater convenience for cyclists and other users of the East Coast Greenway." For more information, visit <http://www.greenway.org>.

National Bike Summit 2001 in Washington DC, Sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists

The League will hold the National Bike Summit in Washington, DC, March 28-30, 2001. Advocates, transportation professionals and bicycle industry representatives will meet with representatives of the new administration to help identify new federal initiatives that impact cycling. They will also meet with members of the 107th Congress to discuss key issues, including setting goals for the reauthorization of TEA-21. This is a wonderful opportunity to expand on the momentum of dialogue between bicycle advocates and all levels of government and launch bicycling into the 21st century!

National Rally of Cyclists in Altoona, Pennsylvania

The League's 2001 National Rally of Cyclists will be held August 2-5 in Altoona, Pennsylvania in conjunction with the Tour de Altoona, America's largest pro-amateur road cycling races. The event will be an unprecedented combination of challenging and family-oriented recreational riding with the thrilling spectacle of stage racing action.

The Southern Alleghenies offer fantastic cycling for all levels of ability, featuring low-traffic roads traversing beautiful oak forests, sweeping valleys, rolling hills and breathtaking mountains. Altoona was named one of America's top five Best Biking Towns by Bicycling Magazine. To learn more about Altoona and the surrounding area, visit <http://pavisnet.com/laurelhighlands> <<http://pavisnet.com/laurelhighlands>> and <http://www.railroadcity.com/railroad/HSCpreview99.htm>

Please write bikeleague@bikeleague.org or call 202/822-1333 to get on the list!

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